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## **AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is a submission pursuant to the requirements of filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Prosecution of the merits of this application was closed on August 17, 2005 pursuant to a Final Office Action. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone discussion of November 29, 2005 in which the Advisory Action from the Examiner mailed November 8, 2005, and possible amendments to overcome the Examiner's rejections of the Final Office Action were discussed.

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## Issues Raised in the Office Action

Claims 1 to 38 are currently pending in the application. By the Final Office Action dated August 17, 2005, claims 1 to 38 were rejected. In the Final Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright et al. (US 6,581,040) in view of Thompson (US 6,393,410). During the telephone call of November 29, 2005, a possible amendment was discussed in which the term "submittal" would be more specifically defined.

The Applicant offers the following amendment and remarks in response and by which, the Applicant believes, allowable subject matter is achieved.